in Delhi to provide 15 per cent of the land area of the concerned society for accomodation of service people working in society's households; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Government had issued guidelines for taking up Group Housing by Cooperative Societies and private builders *vide* Notification No. K-13011/17/96-DDIB dated 3rd June, 1999. The guidelines does not specify earmarking of any area of the Society for accommodating people working in society's households. However it stipulates that—

* All Group Housing while applying for sanction of plan, will make contribution to Housing for EWS Fund. The contribution will be @ Rs. 25,000 per dwelling unit of size 1000 sq. ft. (92.20 sq. m.) or more plinth area. The amount will be paid to the DDA. A separate escrow account for this purpose will be opened by the DDA. Funds available in the account will be utilized for construction of houses for the EWS. The Fund will be operated by DDA under specific direction of this Ministry.

  The private builders will ensure that minimum of 20% of the Dwelling Units constructed are for LIG category. Such flats should have a carpet area between 250 sq. ft. (23.22 sq. m.) minimum and 500 sq. ft. (46.44 sq. m.) maximum.

Exploitation of Labourers working in DMRC

†622. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers working in DMRC and since when they are working together with the amount paid for eight hours to each labourer;

(b) the number of hours the labourers are required to work at present together with the amount paid for this work;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the labourers of DMRC are being exploited for the last several years;

(d) if not, the reaction of Government on the news item which appeard in Rashtriya Sahara, on 21st January, 2003; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government in the interest of labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Delhi Metro Rail project is being implemented through the agency of contractors and as such DMRC itself has not engaged any labourer for this purpose.

(b) The labourers employed by the contractors/sub-contractors on this project normally work in 8 hour shifts. However, on the days on which they are deployed for more than 8 hours, they are paid overtime by the contractors/sub-contractors.

(c) Does not arise since DMRC has not got any labourers.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

Guidelines to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies

623. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate guidelines for State Governments to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government agreed to stand guarantee for bonds raised by urban local bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per Entry-5 of the State List